

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, May 23, 1757,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG May 23d. 1757

SIR

This probably may be deliver'd to You by the Hon Edmd. Atkin Esqr. who has his Majesty's Commission to transact & superintend all the Affairs with the different Tribes of Indians the back of Georgia, South & No. Carolina & this Dominion; I desire You will receive him in a genteel Manner, & on his meeting with the Indians now at Fort Cumberland, give a Grace to his Operations by having a Company under Arms when he opens his Commission & talks with them—As the whole Negociation is left to him he probably may acquaint You with every Thing he transacts with them.

Our Assembly has not fix'd on the Supplies, & in course not yet printed any new Currency, but am told it will be done very soon; & You may assure the Officers & Soldiers that as soon as Money is coined, I will send up by Mr. Boyd when he comes here, sufficient to pay all their Arrears.

If the Cherokees return Home I think it will be necessary You shou'd send

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The Assembly proposes raising 1200 Men & three Compays. of Rangers of 100 Men each, but the Mode for raising them is not yet concerted, & I fear will be attended with great Difficulties.

I am surpriz'd Colo Stephen is not come here with the two Companies; by his Letter of the 12th. he said he shou'd be at Fredricksburg last Sunday was a Week, by which I expected him last Saturday.

I cannot write You any Thing further till the Assembly goes thro' the Business before them, in the mean Time I doubt not You will keep Your Men properly employ'd.

Capt. McNeill tells me he has a Ballance of the Money in his Hands that I gave him to pay for the Servants enlisted in Augusta; I have order'd him to pay it to You.

I remain with Respect

[Signature mutilated.]